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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a separate Head of the Department will be costly. For efficient working of the department also, it was decided in the year 1949 that it should be under the Inspector-General of Police."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Am I to understand that this is still kept as a separate department and there has been no amalgamation of the Fire Services with the Police service? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There has been no amalgamation of the Fire Service with the Police Service."

Strike in the Tile Works at Pinarayi, Malabar

* 2343 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many workers are involved in the strike in the Tile Works at Pinarayi near Tellicherry, Malabar, going on since 14th March 1955;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any conciliation proceedings; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fifty-three workers of the Tellicherry Tile Company, Ltd., Pinarayi, are involved in the strike.

" (*b*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted conciliation proceedings in the matter on 17th March 1955.

" (*c*) Both the parties came to an agreement on all the demands except on those for an increase in wages and payment of bonus. The issues relating to fixation of wages of the workers and bonus for the years 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54, have been referred for adjudication."

Treatment for N.G.Os. at Sengipatti T.B. Sanatorium

* 2344 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from the Non-Gazetted Officers under medical treatment at T.B. Sanatorium, Sengipatti, Tanjore district, in the year 1954 for the grant of free concessions to which they are eligible; and

(*b*) whether there was any delay in the disposal of these applications; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 15, Sir.

" (*b*) The question whether any reimbursement of medical expenses can be made when Non-Gazetted Officers and employees of local bodies undergo treatment in a private Tuberculosis sanatorium and if so on what conditions, was under the consideration of Government and orders were finally issued in the matter on 5th May 1955. Steps were taken afterwards to dispose of the applications."